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SUBJECT: DEATH OF IRVING MURIE GRIFFITHS

FOR MR. GEORGE R. O'CALLAGHAN
906 ELMWOOD AVENUE
WILMETTE, ILLINOIS 60091.

I DEEPLY REGRET TO INFORM YOU THAT MR. PAL SAKHUJA, MANAGER OF TRAVEL CORPORATION OF INDIA, NEW DELHI, REPORTED TO EMBASSY AT NEW DELHI ON OCTOBER 19 THAT YOUR BROTHER-IN-LAW, IRVING MURIE GRIFFITHS, BORN OCTOBER 3, 1900 IN NEW YORK, BEARER U.S. PASSPORT B1791109 ISSUED CHICAGO JULY 20, 1971 DIED AT APPROXIMATELY 10 AM OCTOBER NINETEENTH IN INDIA. HE WAS ABOARD INDIAN AIRLINES FLIGHT IC407 FLYING BETWEEN AGRA AND KHAJURAHO, MADHYA PRADESH, INDIA, AT TIME OF DEATH. THE CAUSE OF DEATH WAS REPORTED TO BE HEART FAILURE AS RESULT OF CORONARY THROMBOSIS. SAKHUJA ADVISED EMBASSY HE WAS CONTACTING TOUR LEADER IN LONDON WITH REQUEST SHE OBTAIN FROM NEXT-OF-KIN INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING DISPOSITION REMAINS. HE DID NOT HAVE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS AT THAT TIME. HE ALSO DID NOT HAVE PASSPORT DETAILS. SAKHUJA LATER ADVISED EMBASSY ON TWENTIETH HE HAD INSTRUCTIONS TO CREMATE BODY AND SHIP ASHES TO UNITED STATES. ACCORDINGLY HE PROCEEDED CHATTARPUR WHERE BODY HAD BEEN REMOVED FOR AUTOPSY AND CREMATED ON TWENTIETH.

EMBASSY HAS CUSTODY ASHES AND PERSONAL EFFECTS. ADVISE EMBASSY
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NAME AND ADDRESS OF FUNERAL HOME TO WHICH ASHES SHOULD BE SHIPPED

BY AIR.

AS DEATH OCCURRED IN BOMBAY CONSULAR DISTRICT, REPORT OF DEATH
WILL BE PREPARED BY AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL, BOMBAY AND COPY
FORWARDED TO YOU. EMBASSY WILL PREPARE INVENTORY PERSONAL EFFECTS
AND COMMUNICATE WITH YOU AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ON THIS SUBJECT.

PLEASE ACCEPT MY SYMPATHY IN YOUR BEREAVEMENT.

AMERICAN EMBASSY
NEW DELHI, INDIA.MOYNIHAN

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